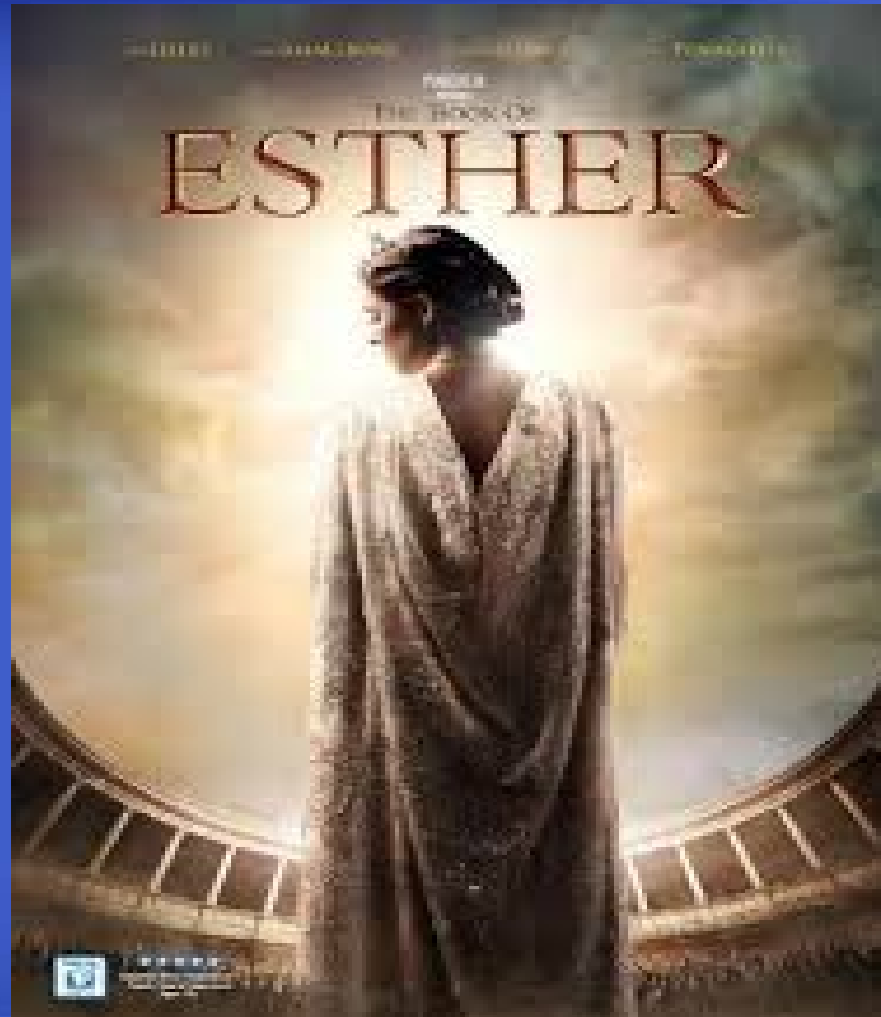


The Old Testament Story of Esther!



Let's Begin Our Journey!

The Text:

Esther 7:1-10!

The Title:

Woe to the Crown of Pride!

The Theme:

***The Providence and Sovereignty
of Israel's God, Yahweh!***

***This morning we continue to build upon
the wisdom already learned in our journey
through the book of Esther:***

Proverbs 6:16

There are six things which the Lord hates. Yes! Seven which are an abomination to Him:

Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies,

and one who spreads strife among brothers.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction!

Our Journey Through the Book of Esther:

I. (1:1-3:15) The **DANGER** to God's People!

A. (1:1-22) The **Divorce** of Queen Vashti.

B. (2:1-20) The **Discovery** of Queen Esther.

C. (2:21-23) The **Devotion** of Good Mordecai.

D. (3:1-15) The **Decree** of Evil Haman.

II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's People!

III. (6:1-10:3) The **DELIVERANCE** of God's People!

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II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's People!

A. (4:1-14) Mordecai's **Appeal** to Queen Esther.

B. (4:15-17) Esther's **Answer** to Cousin Mordecai.

C. (5:1-8) Queen Esther's **Appearance** before the King.

D. (5:9-14) Haman's **Arrogance** over Mordecai.

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 - A. (6:1-7:10) The **Defeat** of Evil Haman:
 - 1. (6:1-14) God's Protective and Powerful **Hand**.
 - 2. (7:1-10) **God's Powerful Enemy is Hanged**.
 - B. (8:1-17) The **Decree** of Ahasuerus and Mordecai!

This Morning's Outline / Chapter 7!

Woe to the Crown of Pride!

- I. (7:1-2) The Dinner that Saved the Nation!
- II. (7:3-4) The Disclosure that Shocked the King!
- III. (7:5-6) The Discovery that Sentenced the Enemy!
- IV. (7:7) The Delay that Sealed the Sentence!
- V. (7:8-10) The Decree that Settled the Issue!

This Morning's Outline!

Chapter 7:1-10

I. (7:1-2) The Dinner that Saved the Nation!



Chapter Seven:

7:3-4 **The Disclosure that Shocked the King!**



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Chapter 7:1-10

- I. (7:1-2) The Dinner that Saved the Nation!
- II. (7:3-4) The Disclosure that Shocked the King!
 - A. (v.3) The queen's Response is for mercy.
 - B. (v.4a) The queens Reason for the plea.
 - C. (v.4b) The queen's Respect before the king.

Chapter Seven:

7:5-6 **The Discovery that Sentenced the Enemy!**



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III. (7:5-6) The Discovery that Sentenced the Enemy!

A. (v.5) The king Demands to know the enemy.

B. (v.6) The queen Disclosure shocks the king.

Chapter Seven:

7:7 **The Delay that Sealed the Sentence!**



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IV. (7:7) The Delay that Sealed the Sentence!

A. (v.7a) The king Bolts from the banquet.

B. (v.7b) The Prime Minister Begs for his life.

Chapter Seven:

7:8-10 **The Decree that Sealed the Sentence!**



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V. (7:8-10) The Decree that Sealed the Sentence!

A. (v.8) The king Returns from the garden.

B. (v.9) The servant's Response to the king.

C. (v.10) The king's anger Relents after Haman's death.

Three Insights From Today's Story!

The First Insight:

The delay of justice is not the denial of justice!

Question. Why did God wait so long before executing His justice on Haman? Answer. We don't know!

But perhaps God waited for the same reason He often waits for us today – to give Haman every opportunity to repent.

In 6:13 we are given a hint that God was working behind the scene to give Haman every chance to repent from his hate for Mordecai and God's people.

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The Second Insight:

The deliverance of one may be the doom of another!

While the story of chapter seven is not one we often experience today, we all must admit that God's sovereignty and hand of providence is clearly seen. Haman, the king's favorite, the Prime Minister of Persia, a very strong and wealthy man is hanged on the very gallows he prepared for his enemy Mordecai. While Mordecai, a despised Jew, whose life is seriously in jeopardy and likely to end promptly, is suddenly spared as a result of God's hand of providence / sovereignty.

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The Third Insight:

The dedication of one can make a difference for many!

It is hard to believe that one person can make a difference in the course of human events. But if Esther is subtracted from this Old Testament story, there is no Jewish nation, there is no Jesus, there is not Bible, there is no church, and there is no hope for the salvation of mankind. Because of Esther's willingness to submit to God's will, she will be used by God in a miraculous way. So too can this be true of us.

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